

## House Resolution 224

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the bicentennial anniversary of David Elder's arrival in Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, David Elder was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, January 7, 1760, to  
4 Joseph Elder and Mary Mathews; and

5 WHEREAS, David Elder was a witness to the birth of this nation, having fought in the  
6 Revolutionary War throughout the colonies of Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, in recognition of his extensive military service, the United States granted David  
8 a large body of land in Oconee county, where he moved permanently in 1807 and where his  
9 many descendants have lived for 200 years; and

10 WHEREAS, he settled in the forests of Big and Little Rose Creeks and raised cotton and  
11 corn for many years, continuing to expand his farming interests; and

12 WHEREAS, he died on August 4, 1853, at the age of 93; and

13 WHEREAS, in his three marriages, David had 15 children, and at or near the time of his  
14 death, it is estimated that he had 115 living grandchildren and more than 750  
15 great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, 2007 marks a special year for the descendants of David Elder, who take pride  
17 in their long history as citizens of the State of Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body join in honoring the contributions of David Elder to the early  
20 beginnings of the United States as well as to this state and recognizing the bicentennial  
21 anniversary of his arrival in Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Elder family.